under the Cement Corporation of India have improved the performance and profitability;

(c) if so, whether any probe into their working has been conducted; and

(d) whether the Cooperation of the workers and their union have been obtained in its efforts for improving the performance of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The cement industry by and large is having a better period as compared to previous years.

(b) The production of CCI has gone up from the level of 24.77 lakhs tonnes is 1988-89 to 28.67 lakh tonnes in 1990-91. During the said period, the operating profit has gone up from Rs. 3.46 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 38.54 crores in 1990-91.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) All out efforts are being made to obtain the cooperation of the workers and their unions.

Production Of Cement

6727. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 21, 1991 to SQ no. 500 and state:

(a) the total actual production of cement in the country during 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the expected production during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of cement imported or exported during the last two yeas and envisaged in the current year;

(c) the formula for the fixation of the retail price of cement; and

(d) the estimated unit cost of production and ex-factory price on the assumption of 100 per cent capacity utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The actual cement production during 1989-90 and 1990-91 and target of production for 1991-92 are given below:-

Year	*Total production (Including Mini sector and white cement units) (in million tonnes)*
1989-90	45.80
1990-91	48.90 (Provisional)
1991-92	55.00 (Target)

(b) The information regarding quantity of cement experted and imported during the last 2 years and that envisaged in the current year is given below:-

Year	*Import*	*Export*
	(in lakh tonnes)	
1989-90	-	1.68
1990-91	-	2.65
1991-92	-	5.00 (Expected)

(c) At present, there is no control on price and distribution of cement.

(d) The actual cost of production varies from region to region and from one cement unit to another, depending on process employed, age and location of the plant, cost of inputs etc. Under these circumstances, it is not practicable to indicate cost of production of cement factories.

[*Translation*]

Appointment Of Correspondent Of AIR And Doordarshan In Pupri, Bihar

6728. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: **Will the Minister of** INFORMATION AND **BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint a correspondent for Akashvani and Doordarshan in Pupri sub-divisional headquarter in District Sitamarhi of Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to link the problem ridden, backward and sensitive area of Pupri sub-division of Sitamarhi with Akashvani and Doordarshan for creating goodwill;

(c) if so, by when ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir, there is no proposal at present.

(b) to (d). Sitamarhi district is fully covered by All India Radio, Darbhanga. As regards Doordarshan, besides Low power TV Transmitter functioning at Sitamarhi, parts of Sitamarhi district receive TV service from the High power Transmitter at Muzaffarpur. Provision of TV service to uncovered areas of Sitamarhi district would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

[*English*]

Heavy Industry In Keonjhar, Sundergarh And Mayurbhanj Districts Of Orissa

6729. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no heavy industry in Keonjhar, Sundergarh and Mayurbhanj districts of Orissa despite the large scale availability of labour in this area; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to or have any proposal under consideration to set up heavy industries in these areas during 1991-92 to provide employment to the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.